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## Patent claims

- 1. 'An electric heating device having at least one electric heating element and a control apparatus (4), characterized in that an emergency switch-off means is provided for the event of a crash.
- 2. The electric heating device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the emergency switch-off means is a switch (6, 6') which is triggered automatically in the event of a crash.
- 3. The electric heating device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the emergency switch-off means can be electronically reset by hand or by means of the control apparatus.
- 4. The electric heating device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the electric heating device has at least one PTC element (3).
  - 5. The electric heating device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the switch (6) switches a power signal (10).
  - 6. The electric heating device as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the switch (6) of the emergency switch-off means is arranged in the region of the heating element.
  - 7. The electric heating device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the switch (6') switches at least one control signal (11, 11', 11'').
- 35 8. The electric heating device as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the switch (6') of the emergency switch-off means is arranged in the region of the

control apparatus (4) at a distance from the heating element.

- 9. The electric heating device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the emergency switch-off means comprises an integrated sensor which automatically triggers the emergency switch-off means in the event of a crash.
- 10 10. The electric heating device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the emergency switch-off means can be triggered by a central sensor.
- 11. A motor vehicle air-conditioning system
  15 characterized by an electric heating device (1) as
  claimed in one of claims 1 to 10.